

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT OFFICER SCHEME OF DELEGATION

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Officer Scheme of Delegation for Development Management was last amended in 2007. Following a Peer review conducted by the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) in 2014 and a need to ensure an efficient and focused approach to decision making a revised scheme of delegation was proposed and presented to the Development Control Committee in September 2016.
- 1.2 Following consideration of the proposed revised Scheme and taking account of comments received at the meeting of the Development Control Committee a public consultation was conducted and further revisions considered.
- 1.3 The proposed Scheme was further amended to take account of representations received following the public consultation and was considered by the Development Control Committee on 6 April 2017. At this meeting and following further public representation and a detailed examination of the proposals by the Committee and a number of principles were agreed.
- 1.4 In response to those decisions the proposed scheme has been further amended to reflect all the principles agreed and is presented to the Committee for endorsement and referral to Council for adoption.
- 1.5 In addition to the amendments made following consultation one further amendment in respect of the determination of applications received from Councillors and Officers of the Council has been included in response to Councillor comments received when applications have been received at the Development Control Panel. This amendment is detailed at paragraph 7 on page 2 of the scheme.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the revised Officer Scheme of Delegation (Annex A) be agreed.
- 2.2 That the revised Officer Scheme of Delegation be referred to Council for adoption.

3. Background and Proposed Changes

- 3.1 On 6 April 2017 the Development Control Committee received a draft amended Scheme of Delegation for consideration following a previous review by the Committee in September 2016 and a subsequent period of public consultation.
- 3.2 At the meeting on 6 April 2017 further representations were received from members of the public, representatives of Town and Parish Councils and Ward Councillors.
- 3.3 The Committee considered in depth the proposals and comments and agreed a number of amendments to be included in the revised Scheme of Delegation.
- 3.4 A final draft of the scheme taking account of all the decisions of the Committee is appended to this report at Annex A.
- 3.5 The decisions and agreed amendments are detailed in minute DCC95 and are reproduced at Annex B to this report.
- 3.6 Annex C sets out the detail of the changes made to the existing scheme of Delegation which is attached at Annex D.
- 3.7 On drawing up a final draft of the Scheme of Delegation, Officers recognised that no amendments had been proposed in respect of applications received from Councillors or Officers of the Council. Previously, when uncontested applications from Officers were presented to the Development Control Panel for determination, comment was made that an amendment to the scheme should be made to take account of minor applications from Officers unconnected with Development Control and where no objections have been received. Therefore the Committee is invited to consider the proposed wording at paragraph 7 of Part A 'Limitation on Delegated Authority' of the Officer Scheme of Delegation (Annex A).

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Committee has considered in detail the proposals and has determined a clear set of agreed principles, these have been incorporated into a revised scheme of delegation which is presented to the Committee for endorsement.

5. Annexes

- Annex A. Proposed revised Scheme of Delegation for Development Management
- Annex B. Extract of Minute DCC95 (2016/17) setting out decisions of the Development Control Committee made 6 April 2017.
- Annex C. Original Scheme of Delegation marked up with changes
- Annex D. Original Scheme of Delegation.